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## **REMARKS**

Claims 569-1718 are pending and under examination in this application.

This Communication follows Applicants' June 19, 2000 Supplemental Amendment and their May 23, 2000 Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115. In the latter response, Applicants presented new claims 569-1712 and indicated on page 184, second full paragraph, that their attorney would submit a claim chart cross-referencing the new claims against the previously pending claims. This task has now been completed.

In a document titled "CLAIM SUPPORT TABLE" attached to this paper as Exhibit A, Applicants are providing information to cross-reference the pending claims 569-1718 against the previously pending claims. Moreover, Applicants are providing other information in support of and as explanation for particular claim language. Thus, the CLAIM SUPPORT TABLE (Exhibit A) contains three columns:

- New Claim No.
- Former Claim No. (If Applicable)
- Comments (Additional Language in New Claims, Support in Specification, Original Claims, Etc.)

Thus, for each pending claim listed in the first column in the CLAIM SUPPORT TABLE (Exhibit A), information has been provided in the second column (Former Claim No.), or the third column (Comments (Additional Language in New Claims, Support in Specification, Original Claims, etc.), or both the second and third columns. Furthermore, Applicants have drawn attention to the independent claims by highlighting those 24 claims in black boxes.

In reviewing the CLAIM SUPPORT TABLE (Exhibit A), Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention that several claims have been designated "TO BE ADDRESSED IN A FUTURE RESPONSE." These claims include claims 718, 870, 1022, 1174, 1295, 1408, 1409, 1470, 1569, 1613 and 1698. That "future response" addressing the aforementioned claims will be filed in due course.

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Applicants would like to point out that every reasonable effort was taken to ensure the accuracy of the CLAIM SUPPORT TABLE (Exhibit A). Should, however, the Examiner find any errors or inconsistencies, he is invited to point them out so that corrections or an explanation for claim support can be made or given.

Finally, the support provided in the CLAIM SUPPORT TABLE (Exhibit A) is in no way intended to be exhaustive of all the support in the specification or original claims for any new or even old claim language. It is believed, however, that the CLAIM SUPPORT TABLE will be helpful to the Examiner in reviewing the pending claims in this application, thereby expediting its prosecution.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

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## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Claims 569-1718 were previously pending and continue to be presented for examination in this application. No amendments to the claims have been made by this Communication.

No fee or fees are believed due in connection with this Communication. In the event that any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

If a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of the present application, Applicants' undersigned attorney request that he be contacted at the number(s) provided below.

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